

Growing Connections

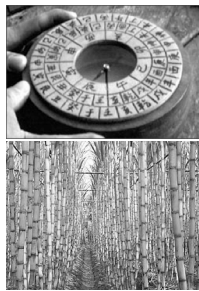
AP World History

1250 - 1450

- Travelers, explorers, and merchants visiting distant empires and kingdoms
- Improved maritime navigation, protection of travelers (Mongols, Dar-al-Islam)
- Trading of goods, spread of ideas lead to major economic and political shifts

Exchanges

- Magnetic Compass from China - increases maritime trade, exploration
- Sugarcane from S.E. Asia - Spreads to Italy & Europe, new need for slavery



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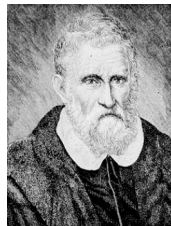
- Gunpowder from China - leads to weapon technology advances, mainly in Europe



One of the first gunshot victims in the New World (from an Incan cemetery)

Travelers

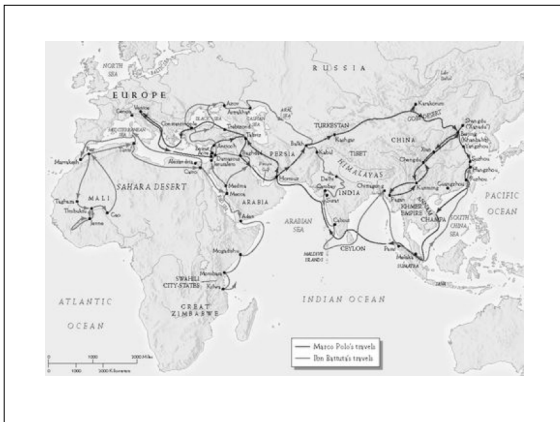
- Marco Polo (1253-1324)
- Italian Merchant from Venice
 - Traveled over Silk Roads through Mongol Empire
 - Spent 17 years in Kublai Khan's court
 - Returned to Europe with unbelievable stories - inspired merchants and explorers



Travelers

- Ibn Battuta (1304-1369)
- Muslim Scholar from Morocco
 - Ultimate freeloader?
 - Traveled through Dar al-Islam: West Africa, Middle East, India, S.E. Asia
 - Recorded widespread influence of Islam - from China to Mali





Maritime Trade

- Global economy of Middle Ages created by linking Mediterranean Sea trade networks to Indian Ocean trade networks
- Venice dominated Mediterranean Sea trade
- In 1200's Venice made an economic treaty with Mamluk Sultan in Egypt and Syria

Maritime Trade

- Trade in west and east timed to monsoon winds.
- Venetian merchants arrived in Alexandria as merchants from Indian Ocean arrived

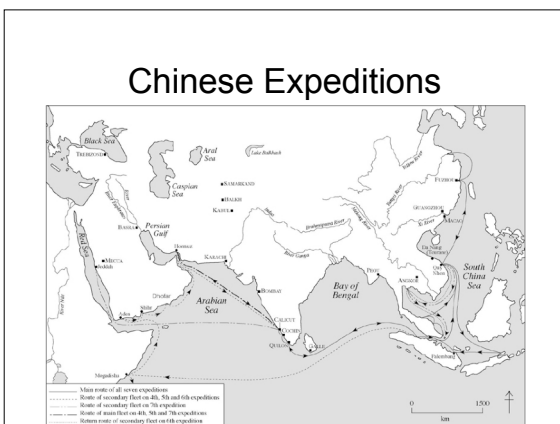


Chinese Expeditions

- Recovering from Mongol domination, look beyond borders of China
- Zheng He made 7 voyages between 1405 - 1433
- Ming Dynasty ended voyages, destroyed ships and records
- What potential was lost?



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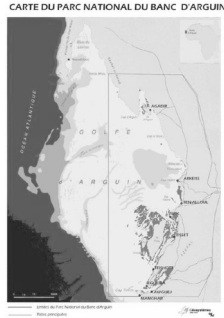


Portuguese Expeditions

- Atlantic-bound Europe excluded from profitable Mediterranean trade
- High stakes competition forced merchants to arm ships
- Portuguese, Spanish look to Atlantic
- Prince Henry the Navigator begins sending sailors south along African coast

Portuguese Expeditions

- Oversaw first European trading post used for slaves on Arguin Island in 1448



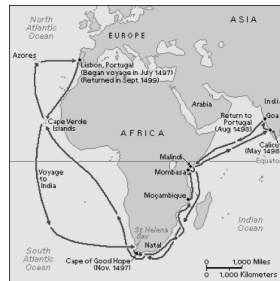
Portuguese Expeditions

- Bartholomew Dias was first to round the Cape of Good Hope in 1488
- Vasco da Gama sailed to India in 1498



Portuguese Expeditions

- Once in the Indian Ocean, Portuguese dominated because they had been forced to arm ships - unlike their Islamic counterparts in the Indian Ocean



Reflection

- How could the world balance of power easily have shifted to Asia?
- Why would the Europeans dominate in Asia and the New World?